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Reference: CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21
Request for Waiver of Application Window for Program Year 2003-2004
471 Application Number: 384358
Date Request Received: May 13, 2003

To Whom It May Concern:

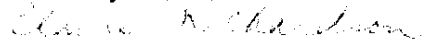
Upon receipt of a letter from the Schools and Libraries Division which stated that an appeal should be addressed to it, I submitted a letter of appeal. I then received a letter from SLD stating that they could not consider my request. Therefore I am submitting this request to you for consideration.

The reason for sending the Form 471 application after the filing window is that the school district had an interim superintendent in the fall of 2002 and no instructions were left to indicate that the Form 471 had not been filed. When the superintendent departed, he indicated that the BEAR forms were the only forms that needed to be completed and submitted. It was not until SBC requested a letter of Election that I discovered that this application had not been completed and submitted. I immediately completed the application and submitted it. As superintendent in this small school, I have the responsibility of managing all of the finances, technology, personnel, maintenance, and transportation for the school district.

Please consider this appeal as these E-Rate funds have been a tremendous help to our small rural school with an enrollment of 140 students. Without these discounts, we will have to eliminate some of the services that our students and teachers need and rely on for daily instructional activities.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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